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Labour dispute in Handloom Industry in Chirakkal taluk

* 3014 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of the handloom factory owners out of the 123 involved in the labour dispute in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, that have implemented the award given by the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore at Cannanore on 11th June 1954 regarding the bonus to which the workers were entitled for the years 1946 to 1948; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to implement the award?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The managements of 105 handloom factories have implemented the award.

(*b*) The Government have ordered the prosecution of the managements of ten handloom factories who have not implemented the award. The workers have been advised through their Union to put in claim petitions under section 20 of the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950. The claims received by the Government are being verified by the Labour Officer, Mangalore.

The owners of the remaining eight factories have either settled the issues with the workers or are anxious to settle their claims on the appearance of the workers.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that even after the intervention of the Labour Officer, some factory owners are refusing to implement the award? If so, will the Government be pleased to take steps to recover the claim amounts under Land Revenue Recovery Act and distribute it to the workers? The claim put by the workers related to the question of grant of bonus to workers for 1946. As this question is pending for a long time, will the Government be pleased to instruct the Collector of Malabar to realize the claim amounts as early as possible and distribute the same to the workers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that all necessary steps as indicated by me in the answers are being taken. If, however, the hon. Member could refer to any specific case of delay, the Government will look into it.

Shifting of the Pier from Dhanushkodi

* 3015 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have made any proposal to the Central Government regarding the shifting of the pier from Dhanushkodi; and

(*b*) if so, whether any decision has been taken regarding the location of the pier?